

Ran out of steam

Bears lose both games in weekend tourney

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"Four games in five nights is just too much" commented coach Glassford as the Bears dropped both games in the Dinosaur Invitational Tournament over the weekend.

Previous to that the Bears had won a close exhibition game against the Safeway Senior Men's team 45-44 on Tuesday and then whipped Mount Royal Junior College Cougars 98-82 Thursday evening.

"We ran out of steam and didn't have enough to fight for position on rebounds," stated Glassford after the Bears suffered defeat 86-64 at the hands of Carroll College Saturday night.

Friday night the Bears lost a close game to the Calgary Dinosaurs 71-58 as they beat the Dinnies in every category except foul shooting. The Dinosaurs outscored the Bears 25-6 from the foul line and as a result overcame an eight point deficit.

The Bears complained bitterly after the game about the southern referees as they were penalized 31 times compared to only ten fouls against Calgary.

The team ran into foul trouble early in the game as forwards Blott, Korchinsky and Champion had at least three personal fouls charged against them before the half.

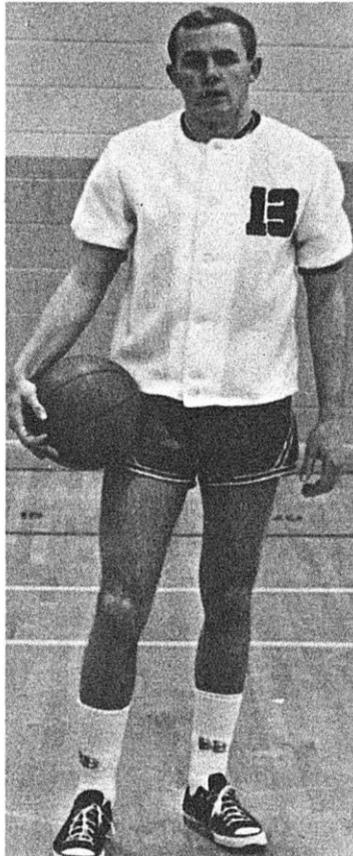
BEARS LEAD AT HALF

Strong offensive and defensive rebounding along with good field shooting gave the Bears the lead 35-34 at the half.

With eight minutes left in the second half the Bears and Dinosaurs were tied 48-48 but then the penalties began to take their toll.

Blott and Champion fouled out with five minutes left in the game and the Dinosaurs capitalized on the losses to win the game.

Top scorers for the Bears were Nestor Korchinsky with 15, Blott with 11 and Semotiuk and Champ-



DARWIN SEMOTIUK
... scores 21 points

ion with 10. Champion hooped all his points in the first half but failed to click in the second half before fouling out.

The Bears left no doubt that they will be hot contenders for the WCI AA crown this year after a poor second half finish last year behind the University of Calgary.

Bench depth this year could make the difference in beating the Dinosaurs, and the Bears hope to prove this on Friday and Saturday night when they take on the Dinosaurs in the main gym in the opening games of the WCIAA season.

BEARS OVER MOUNT ROYAL

Thursday night the Bears didn't have to play top calibre ball to contain the Mount Royal Cougars and as a result played only well enough to win the game 98-82.

Darwin Semotiuk hooped 21 points for the Bears in his first league game with the team while Ed Blott and Nestor Korchinsky scored 18 and 14 respectively.

Saturday the Bears were tired and the point was obviously displayed from the opening toss.

Carroll College jumped to an early 17-10 lead and gradually widened the margin to 34-25 at the half.

In the first twenty minutes the Bears switched from zone defense to man-to-man and then back to zone to no avail. Carroll outshot and outthrust the Bears on the backboards and that told the whole story.

Semotiuk clicked well in the first half and jumped in eight points on 30 to 40 foot jump shots.

The Bears had trouble breaking the zone and penetrating but threw up very few shots from the outside.

CARROLL SUPERIOR

In the second half Carroll started to take advantage of the easy rebounds and used the fast break to effectively build up the lead.

Only at one point during the last half did the Bears threaten. They scored ten quick points on jump shots by Champion (2), Shapiro, Blott and Buxton to pull within nine points.

But within three minutes Carroll had built up an eighteen point lead and sloppy ball handling by the Bears made the edge twenty-four points and a final score 86-62.

High scorer for the Bears was Ed Blott with 13 followed by Shapiro and Buxton with 10 apiece. Guard Bruce Blummell did not make the trip south with the team due to a bruised knee suffered in the game against Safeway.

Final champion of the tournament was Vaughan Realty, a Senior Men's team from Spokane, as they outclassed both opponents.

Friday night they whipped Carroll College, last year's champions, 95-55 and then trounced the Dinosaurs on Saturday 98-45 to win the cup.

Next home games for the Bears are this Friday and Saturday against last year's champion, U of C Dinosaurs.

Game time is 8:30 p.m. both nights.

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man coverage. Waddle had more than his hands full to keep the slim 1-0 lead while waiting for his associates to come out of it.

Wolfe yielded the final two Drumheller tallies but beat Pat Halas and Gene Lambert on clear breaks.

Ernie Braithwaite of the Miners and former Golden Bear spoke of the improvement in the Calgary Dinnies. "They're a pretty big club and can throw the puck around. But they lack the big puck carriers that the Bears have. The goaltender has a real good glove hand."

"They'll give the Bears a good game," he concluded his brief analysis. One thing appears almost certain. The Dinnies won't be the soft touches of recent years. The improvement of the football team indicates the fervour in the southern city to produce a better brand of college representation.

SHORT SHOTS:

Miners took 12 of 20 penalties

Bears played without Gerry Braunberger, George Kingston, and Dale Rippel. All should be ready for the series in Calgary this weekend... Drake has a real problem on his hands in deciding who he will cut. Everybody is playing well... Jim Suetter has been consistently playing well on the Bear defence.

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